

ARMED FORCES BOWLING (Men and Women)

1. **RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT:** Current American Bowling Congress (ABC) rules for men, and Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC) rules for women as amended by AFSC (if applicable) will be in effect. This bowling event is sanctioned by both governing bodies.
2. **TYPE OF TOURNAMENT:** This championship is 24 games, total pin fall from all team members. Singles, doubles, team and mixed doubles events are conducted as a part of the Armed Forces championship.
 - a. Team Challenge (6 games)
 - b. Doubles (6 games): Each Service selects their three doubles teams (men and women) that will compete. Names of the participants on each team are given to the tournament project officer at the pre-tournament rules meeting. No changes are allowed after the meeting has been completed.
 - c. Mixed Doubles (2nd Session - 6 games): Each Service selects six mixed doubles teams. Names of the participants on each team are given to the tournament project officer at the pre-tournament rules meeting. No changes are allowed after the meeting has been completed.
 - d. Singles (6 games): Six games total pin fall, with bowling on three different pairs of lanes. (This is the system used during each six game set).
3. **WEIGHT CLASSES:** Not applicable
4. **SCORING:** Total Service pin fall of all-events (24 lines) determines the individual Service champion; both men and women.
5. **TYPE OF BALL:** Each competitor's ball must be weighed and marked prior to the start of competition IAW current ABC and WIBC rules.
6. **DRAW:** Bowlers are assigned lanes based on a draw. The draw takes place at the pre-tournament meeting.
7. **SCHEDULED WEIGH-INS AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS:** Not applicable

8. TIE BREAKER:

Singles: Individuals involved in a tie for champion or runner-up will bowl a complete game until the tie is broken.

Doubles: Teams involved in a tie for champion or runner-up will bowl one frame until the tie is broken.

Mixed Doubles: Teams involved in a tie for champion or runner-up will bowl one frame until the tie is broken.

Team Challenge: If teams are tied at the completion of the six (6) game event, all six (6) bowlers from each of the tied teams bowl one frame until the tie is broken.

All Events: Individuals tied for champion or runner-up after twenty four (24) games will bowl one frame until the tie is broken.

9. EQUIPMENT: Pin specifications are outlined in the current ABC/WIBC rules

10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Day One	Sun	0900 - 1800	Team Arrival
Day Two	Mon	0830 0900 - 1500 1600 1700 - 1900	Team Photos Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In Organizational Meeting Informal Banquet/Ice Breaker
Day Three	Tue	0830 0900 - 0945 1000	Opening Ceremony Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In Team Challenge (six games)
Day Four	Wed	0900 - 0945 1000	Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In Doubles Event (six games)
Day Five	Thu	0900 - 0945 1000	Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In Mixed Doubles
Day Six	Fri	0930 1000	Practice Session and Ball Weigh-In Singles Event

** Awards ceremony immediately follows singles competition

Day Seven Sat Teams Depart

11. TEAM STANDINGS: See #4

12. AWARDS:

Individual Awards: Awards are given to champion and runners-up in singles, doubles, mixed doubles, and team challenges for both men's and women's divisions. A team's OIC is not eligible for an award unless he/she wins as a participant in actual competition.

Team Awards: Team standings are for recognition only, no trophy is presented.

13. TEAM COMPOSITION FOR ARMED FORCES: Team competition will not exceed:

6 Males
6 Females
1 Officer in charge (can be participant or non-participant)
13 Total

** Note: All participants must be on active duty during the period of the complete event, and alternates are not permitted

14. TEAM COMPOSITION FOR NATIONALS: As follows or as dictated by host invitation. Top 4 all event (men & women) advance to higher-level

4 Males
4 Females
8 Total

15. DRESS CODE: Dress code must meet Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) and Ladies Professional Bowlers Association (LPBA) dress standards: Collared shirts, dress slacks without patch pockets for men; collared shirts, dress slacks, skirts, or walking shorts for women (no more than 2 inches above the knee for both skirts and shorts). Absolutely no cut-offs, denim, spandex, or warm-ups allowed. Penalty: Persons not properly attired will not be permitted to bowl until the discrepancy is corrected and receive (0) for all frames missed.

16. PROTESTS: Protests on rules or eligibility are handled by the tournament committee consisting of the four (4) Service representatives and the tournament director. Their ruling on all matters is made at the time of the protest and will be final.

17. OTHER TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES: Starting times are provided to team captains and Service representatives in the pre-tournament meeting and are posted in the bowling center. Bowlers must be ready to bowl at the stipulated starting time for each session or forfeit their participation in that day's six games. Rotation is after each two games to a different pair of lanes. Shadow bowling is allowed for five minutes prior to beginning bowling, and one ball on each lane when rotating at the third and fifth games.